# ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES– 2025 (4-H/FFA Families)

ID sheets for County Fair livestock entries can be found at https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/4-h-animals-and-livestock-information/ . Read identification instructions under each specie.

| Project Area | Nomination Process **All County Fair Animals will need to complete ID Sheets/Ownership Affidavits.** Link found above. | | | Pre-Entry Deadline | | |
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| | *County Fair ONLY* <br><br> *ALL ANIMALS NEED VISABLE EAR TAG, EID Tag or Scrapies Tag* | *State Fair\*\*\** Any animal that carries EID tag must obtain a Premises ID to show at the Nebraska State Fair! *To nominate animals for State Fair visit https://showstockmgr.com/* | | *County Fair Due Date* | *State Fair Nomination Due Date \*Show Stock Manager Site* | *State Fair Show Entry Deadline 8 pm* |
| **BEEF** | | | | | | |
| Market | 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag | EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| Registered Breeding | Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag and Registration Papers | Tattoo or ID type that is accepted by the breed association, DNA, Animal Info Submitted Online, Registration Papers | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| Commercial Breeding | Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag | Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | | June 15 | August 10 |
| Feeder Calves | 4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag | EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| Bucket Calf | 4-H Ear Tag | No Class | | Record Books- June 27 | ----- | --- |
| Cow/Calf | 4-H Ear Tag | No Class | | June 15 | ----- | ------- |
| **DAIRY** | | | | | | |
| Cattle | ID Sheet Drawing and picture | ID Sheet Drawing – only submit at State Fair Check In | | June 15 | | August 10 |
| Goat | ID Sheet Drawing and Scrapies Tag | No Class | | June 15 | ----- | --- |
| **GOAT** | | | | | | |
| Breeding | USDA Scrapies Tag | USDA Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| Market | USDA Scrapies Tag | USDA Scrapies Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| **HORSE** | ID Sheet Drawing | ID Sheet Drawing | | June 15 | **June 1** | **June 1** |
| **SWINE** | | | | | | |
| Market | 4-H County Ear Tag | EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| Breeding | 4-H County Ear Tag | EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| **SHEEP** | | | | | | |
| Breeding | USDA Scrapies Tag | USDA Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| Market | USDA Scrapies Tag | USDA Scrapies Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| **RABBITS** | | | | | | |
| Breeding & Market | ID Sheet and Tattoo | No ID Required | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |
| All Poultry | ID Sheet | No ID Required | | June 15 | June 15 | August 10 |

## *ATTENTION-*

- The Madison County Extension Office will accept paper ID sheets for the county fair but they are not accepted as a form of identification for the State Fair.

- Each exhibitor may nominate a total, between 4-H and FFA, as follows: Market Beef (20), Market Lambs (20), Market Swine (40), and Market Goats (20).
- There are entry limits for each of the individual species. Exhibitors cannot exhibit more than the following for each species to State Fair: Beef (5), Swine (6), Sheep (4), Goat (4), Poultry (6), Rabbit (6)

- ***Any exhibitor with an animal that carries an EID tag must obtain a Premises ID in order to show at the Nebraska State Fair. Any exhibitor without the proper Premises ID will not be allowed to show. (Flyer for how to obtain a Premises ID is located at: http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pawnee/NewContent/Livestock%20Premises%20ID.pdf)

- Entries must be in by the dates dictated by each show to be eligible for exhibition at these events. In the case of the State Fair, the August 10 deadline will serve as the declaration for a nominated animal to be shown in either 4-H or FFA. In the case of County Fair, the June 15 deadline will serve as the declaration for the nomination animal to be shown as market or breeding.

## Family Responsibilities:

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1. Exhibitors will be required to enroll in 4-H by the June 15 statewide enrollment deadline.
2. Exhibitors will review their species fairbooks.
3. Exhibitors showing market and/or breeding beef, feeder calves, market and/or breeding swine, market and/or breeding sheep or market and/or breeding goats at State Fair must have a signed and sealed official DNA envelope with hair samples for DNA verification. **Every animal nomination (this includes all breeding animals and feeder calves) will require a DNA submission.** DNA must be turned into their county office and have completed the online nomination with payment in *Show Stock Manager* by June 15. Any animal carrying an 840 EID tag will require the exhibitor to obtain a Premises ID. Contact the local Extension Office for details. (It is recommended that you make a copy or a photo image of the completed envelope you turn into your county.)
4. Exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certificate by August 10.
5. Exhibitors will confirm that the ear tattoo and/or identification tag matches the animal nomination submitted by June 15 for confirmation of legibility and/or accuracy.
6. Exhibitors will notify the County Extension Staff of any retags that may occur up to time of check-in at the State Fair.
7. Exhibitors will select which animal nominations they have chosen to show at State Fair on the State Fair entry website by August 10. All nominated and validated animals will be automatically listed as a choice option for entry registration.
8. Exhibitors will be required to bring the breed registration association paperwork to check-in at State Fair for animals wanting to show in a breed class. **The registration papers must show the exhibitor's name or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family and is listed with the online nomination in Show Stock Manager. Family farm or ranch names will not be accepted.**